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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

September 3, 2002

Dear Sir:

This reply is in response to the Official Action dated August 12, 2002 which has a shortened statutory period for response of one month that expires on September 12, 2002.

<u>REMARKS</u>

In view of the comments which follow, and pursuant to 37 CFR §1.111, reconsideration of the Official Action of August 12, 2002 is respectfully requested by Applicants.

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Dear Examiner Padmanabhan:

Attached is a Response Under 37 CFR Section 1.11 to the Office Action dated August 12, 2002.

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